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Gloria Moran & David Eppler Superfund Branch (ORC DS) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6 1201 Elm Street, Suite 500 Dallas, Texas 75270

Re: EPA General Notice Letter for Miami, OK B.F. Goodrich Asbestos site

Dear Ms. Moran,

This letter in response is sent on behalf of my client, Allan Kaspar. The 164-acre B.F. Goodrich site in Miami, Oklahoma, has been in existence since 1944, and was actively operated [polluted] by B.F. Goodrich and Michelin for 42 years, until 1986. With full knowledge of the various contaminations, Mr. Kaspar bought the property in 2005 for \$2,850,000, and he then took several measures to contain, clean, and keep the area compliant with the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality requirements. Annual ODEQ inspections never noted any major deficiencies other than the occasional broken window from trespassers.

In an effort to stop the trespassing, he installed game cameras and gave his footage to the police, but law enforcement did not pursue it. Mr. Kaspar then hired an environmentalist, Jim Gaylord, and consulted Beth Hendricks from the Oklahoma Department of Labor, to create a plan to help him safely dispose of the insulation and asbestos, at a cost of just over \$18,000, which he completed. During a random City of Miami inspection, Mr. Kaspar was notified there was old oil in one of his facilities which might contain polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB's), so he had it hauled

away to a disposal facility in Coffeyville, Kansas, to the tune of approximately \$20,000. (It turned out not to contain PCB's.) Another incident where vandals tore down an old transformer which was thought to possibly house PCB-containing oil also led Mr. Kaspar to pay to have it hauled to Coffeyville and remediated at his own cost. (It was also void of PCB's.)

During the time that Mr. Kaspar owned the site, his activities on the site were limited to using the buildings as warehouses for the storage of gas cans, dog food, grass seed, tires, and so forth, for various clients, along with the labor and machinery, such as fork lifts, to move the items. None of these activities caused any hazardous material releases, and what releases had already occurred were caused before he bought the property solely by B.F. Goodrich and Michelin.

After all of these measures, Mr. Kaspar sold the site to George Blakeney of RER in 2014 for \$1,400,000—less than half of his original purchase price—with full disclosure of the various contaminations and an environmental indemnity agreement. Mr. Blakeney/RER took possession of the property in 2014, although payment in full was not satisfied until 2020. RER is the current owner/operator and receives rental revenue for the site. Whatever containment measures have or have not been taken since RER took title to, and possession of, the site in 2014 are solely the responsibility of RER.

Mr. Kaspar is unable to reimburse the EPA for its remediation efforts. His financial inability to pay is documented on the enclosed "Financial Statement for Businesses" form. Mr. Kaspar is seventy-six years old and no longer has any businesses. As a previous owner of the property, Mr. Kaspar performed every remediation measure he was asked to perform while he owned the property, took care to prevent any other releases from occurring, and then sold the property at a huge loss. He should be excluded from liability for the EPA's cleanup costs because he was a bona fide prospective purchaser under 42 U.S.C. § 9601(40) and 42 U.S.C. §

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9607(q)(1)(c) who took every reasonable step after acquisition to prevent and limit any other

continued or threatened releases, complied with all land use restrictions for the area, complied with

EPA, ODEQ, and City of Miami requests for information, as well as provided all legally required

notices for discovery or release of any hazardous substances at the site. He would like to thank the

EPA for its remediation efforts and hopes that it is successful in obtaining reimbursement from the

truly culpable responsible parties, B.F. Goodrich, Michelin, and RER.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

Jot Hartley

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## Allan Kaspar



Re: EPA Financial Statement for Businesses

I sold the business of Miami Warehouse to RER (George Blakeney) on a contract for deed in May of 2014. George Blakeney never made a payment after May of 2014. We went to Court and I collected the rental payments until April, 2020.

I therefore no longer have a business. The financial statement for businesses does not apply to me.

Allan Kaspar

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This information is requested pursuant to Section 104(e) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. § 9604, and is not subject to approval of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, 44 U.S.C. § 3501, et seq.

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